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SUBJECT: SAUDI OIL ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN PROCEEDING SLOWLY

Classified By: CDA Michael Gfoeller for reasons 1.4 (b) (c) and (d).

Summary

1. (S) Recent conversations with the Assistant Minister of Petroleum, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Finance, and the Pakistani Embassy

MinPet Unaware of Any Progress

2. (S) In a July 30 phone call from London, Assistant Minister of Petroleum Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud was surprised to

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3. (S) In a July 30 meeting with Pakistan Embassy Commercial Counselor Zia Shams, Shams told us, "The deal is not finalized, it is in negotiat

4. (S) Shams indicated any encouragement the USG might offer for the proposal would go a long way to see that it was implemented in time to av

MFA Has No Knowledge of Deal

5. (S) On July 30, the Charge D'Affaires met with Ambassador Khalid Al Jindan, the third ranking diplomat at the MFA, and the Director of West
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6. (S) Hamad Najashi from the International Relations Office at the Ministry of Finance shed some light on the process for negotiating such oi

Comment

7. (S) Prince Abdulaziz's apparent ignorance of any recent developments on the Saudi offer to assist Pakistan suggests there has been no moven
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